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December 10, 1973

Mrs. N. le Roy
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Dear Mrs. le Roy:

Thank you for your letter of December 6, 1973. Unfortunately for me I will not be able to attend the January 6, 1973, meeting of the Bilderberg Steering Committee at Soestdijk, due to prior commitments here.

With warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Murphy

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BILDERG MEETINGS

THE HAGUE, December 6, 1973

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To the Members of the
Steering Committee

Dear Sir,

I would like to remind you that the next meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at Soestdijk Palace on Sunday, January 6th, 1974 at 10.30 a.m..

You are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible whether you will attend this meeting. In case you wish any hotel reservation and/or transport to and from the Palace, please inform the Secretariat.

Transportation possibilities will not be affected by the Sunday driving ban, and cars will be available both on Saturday and Sunday.

✓ Mr. van der Beugel requests the pleasure of your company at dinner at the Amstel Hotel, Amsterdam on Saturday, January 5th at 8.p.m. (informal). Would you kindly let us know if you intend to attend this dinner.

Sincerely yours,

N. le Roy

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6. Finally we suggest that we discuss on January 6th whether in the present circumstances there should be a follow-up of our Meeting in Megève, and if so, what form this might take.
7. Our thoughts imply a few practical matters for members of the Steering Committee.
In the first place, the Prince would in the light of the present circumstances highly value the fullest possible attendance of members of the Steering Committee at the January 6th meeting.
Secondly, we would greatly appreciate if members of the Steering Committee would send the Secretariat as soon as possible names of possible participants, bearing in mind what has been set out in paragraphs 2 through 6.
Thirdly, we suggest that invitations to write a working paper for the Megève Meeting to Messrs. Fontaine, Jenkins or Sir Dennis Greenhill, and an American participant for the second Agenda item, should be pursued under all circumstances. Professor Karl Kaiser in the meantime has accepted.
The possibility of a special paper on the European situation should be seriously discussed at January 6th.
Sir Eric Roll has already pledged his contribution to such a paper.
8. Finally, we would of course greatly appreciate your reaction to our thoughts, even before we meet on January 6th.
We have discussed the substance of this note with several members of the Steering Committee on both sides of the Ocean.

Yours

BILDERBERG MEETINGS

THE HAGUE, October 29, 1973
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To: The Members of the
Steering Committee
From: E.H. van der Beugel

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I am very happy to report that Professor Karl Kaiser, having been approached by Otto Wolff von Amerongen, has accepted to write the German paper on the second subject for the Megève Conference.

He will also attend the Steering Committee meeting of January 6th; and will provide us with a rough outline of his paper.

I would be most grateful if I could hear, as soon as possible, from those members of the Steering Committee who have been kind enough to approach possible authors of the other working papers, what the result of their endeavour is.

YB

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Ch.W. Getchell Jr.

Baron de Rothschild was accompanied by Monsieur Robert
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BILDERBERG MEETINGS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Soestdijk Palace
14 October 1973

Present:

H.R.H. The Prince of the Netherlands
Ernst H. van der Beugel
Joseph E. Johnson
C. Frits Karsten
Sir Frederic Bennett ^{MP}
M. Nuri Birgi
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1) Opening.

The Prince opened the meeting and expressed, on behalf of the members of the Steering Committee, his great appreciation for Mr. Getchell's summary of the Saltsjöbaden Conference. He congratulated Mr. Kohnstamm on his forthcoming appointment as President of the European University in Florence.

Mr. van der Beugel, who had been in Megève, informed the meeting that the arrangements for the next Conference seemed perfect in every respect.

2) Austrian participation in the Steering Committee.

Mr. Umbricht had suggested several times to invite an Austrian to be member of the Steering Committee. It was suggested that Dr. Hans Igler, partner of Schoeller & Co. in Vienna, would be a good candidate, a suggestion which was supported by several members of the Steering Committee who were well acquainted with Dr. Igler.

Dr. Igler has great international experience and excellent relations, both with the public as well as with the private sector in Austria.

The Prince will invite Dr. Igler to become a member of the Steering Committee.

3) Agenda for the Conference and discussion on persons who should be approached to write introductory papers.

There was a consensus in the meeting that the subject should cover the state of affairs in the Atlantic World. After a prolonged discussion, agreement was reached on the two following subjects:

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- I Inflation: its political, social and economic implications in the context of changing priorities in the Atlantic World.
- II The prospects for the Atlantic World as seen from:
 - a) France; b) The Federal Republic of Germany;
 - c) The United Kingdom; d) The United States.

For the first subject, the names were mentioned of Mr. Aubrey Jones and Professor J. Kenneth Galbraith, Mr. Gabriel Hauge and Mr. Andrew Shonfield.

A first effort will be made to invite Mr. Jones and Prof. Galbraith. To this end, Sir Frederic Bennett will, as soon as possible, approach Mr. Jones, and inform the Secretariat accordingly. After that, Mr. Johnson will approach Professor Galbraith and will inform the Secretariat.

As to the four papers on the second subject, for France Baron de Rothschild will, after consultation with Mr. Baumgartner approach Mr. André Fontaine of "Le Monde" and will inform the Secretariat about the results.

The German members of the Steering Committee will approach Dr. Karl Kaiser.

For the United Kingdom, Sir Frederic Bennett will approach Mr. Roy Jenkins or Sir Denis Greenhill.

For the United States a provisional list of possible authors was discussed, notably:

Mr. Nicholas Katzenbach, Mr. James Chace, Mr. Adrian Fisher, Mr. Graham Allison, Mr. Cyrus Vance, Mr. Andrew Pierre and Mr. Marshall D. Shulman.

It will be left to the American members of the Steering Committee to make the definitive choice.

The importance was stressed that the European authors would not exclusively deal with their national point of view, but should bring the role of the European Communities into their papers.

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4) A rough outline of the working papers should be available at the Steering Committee meeting of January 6th, 1974. Papers should not exceed 15 pages and should be available at the Secretariat not later than March 1st, 1974.

5) A provisional geographical break-down of the number of participants was agreed upon:

Belgium	1
Canada	3
Denmark	2
Finland	1
France	12
Germany	7
Iceland	1
International	4
Italy	7
Netherlands	3
Norway	3
Sweden	2
Switzerland	2
Turkey	2
United Kingdom	7 (+1 if there are two authors of British working papers)
United States	20-22
Austria	2

6) It would be extremely helpful if a first suggestion for names of participants could be sent to the Secretariat by members of the Steering Committee in the first half of December.
Members of the Steering Committee are free to approach already now those possible participants whose schedule requires an early warning.

7) The next meeting of the Steering Committee will take place at Soestdijk Palace on January 6th, 1974 at 10.30 a.m.

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1st October, 1973

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Dear Ernst,

I promised to let you have some brief remarks on the topic for the next Bilderberg Meeting, particularly in view of my unavoidable absence from the Steering Committee on the 14th.

I confess to some hesitation about your suggested title. I recognise, of course, that it has the great advantage that almost anything can be discussed under that heading and, given the fact that things are developing very fast, both in the economic and political sphere, it may be an advantage to be able to shift the emphasis at relatively short notice.

On the other hand it seems to me that to go on taking the pulse of the "Atlantic Community" would possibly encourage a very introverted, not to say hypochondriacal attitude on the part of the older members and boredom on the part of the younger ones. I think we have reached a stage where the analogy of the famous "special relationship" between Britain and the United States is not altogether out of place. The Atlantic Community exists - as I happen to believe that the "special relationship" still exists - but they are both constantly changing and they both have this in common that they are the stronger the less they are talked about.

Of all the suggestions I have seen, I think Gianni Agnelli's letter is most to the point. I rather like the idea of examining what "great power" (and perhaps also "super power") means nowadays in quite specific detail, and with special reference to

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1st October, 1973

the relations between the United States and Europe, distinguishing carefully between: (a) narrower strategic and defence aspects; (b) wider foreign policy aspects; and (c) economic, that is to say trade and financial, relationships. I am sure we shall find that the power relationships (i. e. the mutual dependence of European countries on each other and on the United States and vice-versa) vary greatly under each of these headings.

I do not know whether these few thoughts will be of assistance, but if I had been able to be there on the 14th, I would have wished to amplify them.

Yours ever,



Eric Roll

Prof. E. H. van der Beugel,
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BUJAY

Il Presidente

Turin, 14th September, 1973.

Prof. Ernst H. van der Beugel
Bilderberg Meetings
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Dear Ernst,

Since my return to town after the summer break, I have given some thought to your memorandum of August 18, with a view to defining two topics for the Megève meeting.

On the political plane, two possibles might be: a) the problem of political equilibrium in the Mediterranean area; and on a more general level, b) the evolution of the concept of a "great power", with the various implications for the definition of a new balance of power between the U.S.A., Europe, and other powers and blocks.

I feel that these are both topics of vital interest not only for Europeans, but also for Americans; and above all, they are not narrowly linked to situations which might conceivably be solved by next Spring.

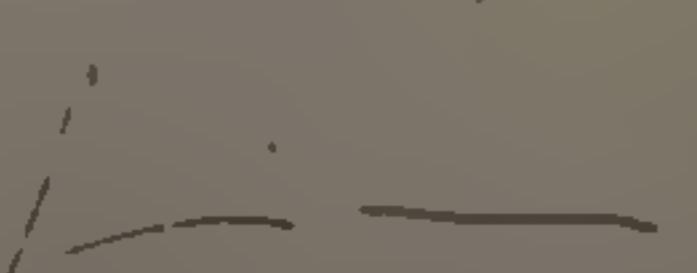
On a more complex level, taking into consideration economic and social aspects, these are two wide-reaching topics which are of particular importance for the industrialized nations of the West:

- a) the formulation of a social policy which takes into account all the problems of economic reconstruction in the various countries, as required by current trade negotiations;
- b) economic cooperation with the countries of the East and with developing countries.

I hope that these suggestions may prove of some use at our meeting on October 14: I am not yet sure whether I shall be able to attend, but will let you know as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, with best wishes,

Yours,


Giovanni Agnelli

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20th September, 197

My dear Everett

As I told Mrs. Le Roy in a telephone conversation this morning I have first an apology to make in that although admittedly I only received your letter of August 18th, at the beginning of September, on my return from a global political tour, you have not yet received any reply from me. In fact I did a response immediately, but unfortunately to an unregistered address, in my own secretary's absence; the former has now disappeared and I can nowhere find a copy of the letter I wrote, or be sure whether the original was already sent to you, signed on my behalf as I did authorise the girl to do. So that as it may be best anyway reply to you more usefully in the light of your latest memorandum, which has not yet come into my hands, but which was read out to me over the phone this morning.

As regards the second part of your letter, I would like to stress your tentative conclusions, although here again, to go back to our usual practice, we shall not try to combine economic problems, such as inflation and currency fluctuations, with our political theme. This does not mean that we can isolate the economic, but as you say, do not forget the political, combine them too closely in our actual discussions.

There is one aspect of your suggested main title, "The State of the Atlantic Community - an internal and external", which I do feel ought to be included if the discussion is to be a success. There is no need at all either to praise or criticise the USA for their military withdrawal from the mainland of S.E. Asia, but it is also to be noted that this withdrawal has not had peaceful reactions of a peaceful type. The American public, which I have always believed, at least have never been the same, I believe, the boys, I mean, can not be expected to feel the same about any part of the world. In general, however, the idea of the loss of virgin nationalities, who enjoyed their independence, I wonder whether, of the best of the forty, there is not one which is a similar withdrawal from here. If these withdraw to India, a decision to increase circumference of the continent, and a corresponding reduction in their American field, will not result in a loss of opportunity seems to be too common at the moment. It is also to be justified, in terms of an attempt to find a political answer to trends in America, without any reference to the idea that Russian interest in establishing a hegemony throughout Europe has lapsed at all.

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13 September 1973

Dear Miss Brennan:

This is to confirm that the meeting of the U. S. Members of the Bilderberg Steering Committee will be held on 2 October, at 4:30 p.m. in the Weld Room of the Harvard Club at 27 W. 44th Street, New York. We do hope that Mr. Murphy will be sufficiently recovered to be able to attend.

Sincerely,


Catherine R. Kublak

Secretary to Mr. Johnson

Miss Brennan
Secretary to Mr. Robert D. Murphy
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SECRETARIAT, THE NETHERLANDS

13 September 1973

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Dear Sir,

I would like to remind you that it was decided at the meeting of the Steering Committee at Saltsjöbaden to hold the next meeting at Soestdijk Palace on Sunday, October 14th at 10.30 a.m.

You are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible whether you will attend this meeting. In case you wish any hotel services, including transport to and from the Palace, please inform the Secretariat before October 6th.

Mr. van der Beugel requests the pleasure of your company at dinner at the Amstel Hotel, Amsterdam on Saturday, October 13th at 8 p.m. (informal). Would you kindly let us know if you intend to attend this dinner.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. van der Beugel

BILDERBERG MEETINGS

MEMORANDUM

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

14 October 1973

10.30 a.m.

- 1) Opening;
- 2) Austrian participation in the Steering Committee;
- 3) Agenda for the Conference and discussion on persons who should be approached to write introductory papers;
- 4) Other business.

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OTTO GREGO TIDEMAND

Utrecht, Sept. 10, 1973.

Prof.Dr.Ernst van der Beugel,
Smidswater 1
THE HAGUE.

Dear Ernst,

I am afraid I shall be unable to come to the Steering Committee meeting at Soestdijk on October 14th, the main reason being that our mutual friend Max Kohnstamm has at that time despatched me to Tokyo. - I have, nevertheless, a strong conviction that you will manage this meeting without me.

When it comes to suggestion for the "Bilbao" meeting, I should be somewhat more modest in prognosis. On this occasion, the monetary situation in the world appears to me still to be much of the crux of the western problem, and I have a suspicion that it will continue to be so, in spite of the Nairobi and other meetings.

As it has been said so many times, the Bilderberg meeting has a basic *raison d'être* in the Atlantic cooperation. The ties between east and west, the military balance, is undergoing a revolution, or is it? Is the *détente* a lasting Soviet policy? No. I shall be modest and not propose any theme just now.

Yours sincerely,
Otto Grego Tidemand

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Prof. Dr. E. H. van der Linde
Bilderberg Meetings
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Dear Ernst,

Agenda for Megève Meeting, 1973

I understand very well the problem you mention that the meeting is more than half a year ahead. It is difficult to discuss subjects which comes into focus at the time of the meeting. We have, however, been lucky so far, especially last time with the ENERGY CRISIS.

I believe we may have a similar problem this year with a foreign exchange item and/or the future rate of interest levels. This will be guided by the varying inflation in the different countries. The question is: will the consciousness of the inflation in the U.S. and Europe together with a smaller propensity to save lead to a higher interest level for good? Will the lender of a one year loan, for example, expect a compensation for the acceleration that the money he gets back, in the form of a higher interest rate? If this is so, it will make fixed exchange rates difficult to maintain.

These problems will be dealt with, but by no means settled, by international meetings shortly. As I should think this is also a subject which would especially interest the French. Giscard D'Estaing anyway. Since a meeting in Megève is planned, I would like to have a discussion, I think it is probably right to do it towards the French. Perhaps we should do it in Paris.

Yours sincerely,

Leif Høgh
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A. G. S. GRIFFIN

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5th September, 1973.

Dear Ernst,

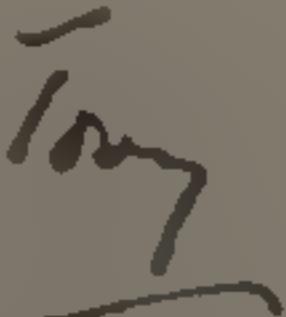
It will be difficult to pick a subject for next year's Bilderberg. The reason for this is that one sees a real crisis of moral leadership and authority in the West - in Europe hardly less than in America. This itself is too wide a subject to take on and is anyway inappropriate; but the trouble is that anything else will seem to have a comparatively pale appearance.

One aspect of Western disarray which might have the advantage - so dear to us in Bilderberg - of seeming to deal with something specific while allowing us to talk about anything we like, might be the question of global inflation. It is anyway probably time for us to pick up an economic subject. But apart from that, there appears to be much evidence that inflation - in almost all countries in the West - has now reached a point where it is practically out of control by democratic governments. It certainly is not responding to conventional correctives. Prices and incomes policies have, generally speaking, been disastrous failures. Moreover, the co-existence of unemployment and inflation is a phenomenon of fairly recent origin and has a paralytic effect on governments.

The effect of an inflation which has continued and grown over many years - even generations - would allow some examination of its implications for moral values generally, what the extent of government intervention ought to be, and, more specifically, whether a higher degree still of government control - e.g. over prices, wages and investment - is reconcilable with traditional Western freedom of the individual.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,



Dr. E. H. van der Beugel,
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Mon cher Ernest,

Comme suite à votre lettre, je vous ai réfléchi aux sujets que j'ai pu aborder lors de la Conférence de l'Atlantique.

Mon sentiment est que, dans les circonstances actuelles, aucun sujet ne peut être plus important aux deux côtés de l'Atlantique que l'opposition des deux motifs qui existent dans les deux pays. D'un côté, d'autre part, pour empêcher que l'opposition ne modifie une situation qui est dans l'ordre.

Il me semble intéressant de constater les griefs - vrais ou faux - que l'on produit des deux côtés de l'Atlantique. Il serait très intéressant d'analyser avec précision la position des différentes parties et des diverses tendances dans les pays intéressés.

De ma propre expérience, je sais que l'Europe s'éloigne le moins du monde des préoccupations d'Edmond de ROTHSCHILD et de celles de nos amis français.

Croyez, mon cher Ernest, que je vous exprime mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Jean Chachat
Paron Snay et d'Oppuers.

Monsieur
le Professeur Ernest van der BURGEL,
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GABRIEL MAUDE
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

August 27, 1973

Dear Joe,

In replying to the memo from you and Ernst to the members of the Steering Committee, my response is this: Would it be possible to take the subject "The State of the Atlantic Community: An Appraisal" and build the whole session around it?

I think you are right in your estimate of the state of relations between the U. S. and Western Europe though I am not sure I would characterize it as "an all-time low". It is, however, time to focus back on the original purpose, as you suggest.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Joseph E. Johnson
President Emeritus
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OTTO WOLFF VON AMERONGEN

KÖLN, Sept. 17, 1973

Dear Ernst

Some days ago I met Mr. Androsch at Alpbach and he apologized again that he was not able to participate in the last Bilderberg Conference. He explicitly asked for getting an invitation for the forthcoming Conference at Megève as early as possible in order to take note of the date.

I am sure that he expressed this desire in agreement with the Chancellor, and who knows the Austrian scene as well as I do must say that from the governing party either Mr. Androsch or Mr. Gratz, the present Mayor of Vienna, who is out of question because of his new function as Mayor, are adequate participants for Bilderberg.

It is already more difficult to name a member of the ÖVP because nobody of its present management is involved in international problems after Mr. Toncic is not available any longer.

I thought it useful to tell you these ideas already now so that we can adapt to the situation until our next meeting.

Coming now to your letter of August 18, 1973, I agree with you that the relations between the United States and Western Europe are in a difficult spot. There has been no conference more adequate to come back to

KOLN, September 17, 1973

the original idea for installing the Bilderberg Conferences than the forthcoming meeting in Megève, e.g. to discuss the controversies between America and Western Europe where they are existing. At present we have to face them in almost all the areas, i.e. problems in connection with the Conferences in Tokyo and in Nairobi or problems in connection with the political and military presence of the United States in Europe.

But if, for instance, we put the monetary problem on the agenda we must avoid that the discussions become too academic and are led only by the monetary experts. Another point is that almost all the monetary experts or those who pretend to be were not right in their predictions of the development. What I would like to suggest is to discuss the economic problems on the background of foreign affairs.

I am quite sure that this complex of questions will meet the French interests in a way that we don't have to seek for a topic of particular interest to our French hosts. Let me quote one example from the economic field: Do have the trade problems priority over the monetary problems or vice versa? The French thesis obviously gives predominance to the monetary problems. Only this topic, I think, will arouse a vivid discussion.

Please don't worry that I pointed out my ideas such briefly, but I hope that they will be of some help to you.

With kind regards,

J. H.

BILDERBERG MEETINGS

TO THE: September 18, 1973

To: The Members of the
Steering Committee
From: E.H. van der Beugel

- 1) I refer to the note Joe and I circulated on August 18th about subjects for the Megève Meeting in April 1974.
- 2) In the meantime we have received several proposals which have been circulated to you, or will be received by you before the October 14th meeting.
- 3) On October 14th we should discuss a possible Austrian membership of the Steering Committee, but the rest of our time can completely be devoted to the issue of the subject for the Megève Meeting.
- 4) Joe and I have been discussing this subject, and we came to the conclusion, that it is rather difficult for us to be very precise as to our suggestions for the Agenda in Megève.
- 5) We think, however, that it might be useful to give you our very preliminary thoughts.
- 6) It seems to us that according to our present knowledge, we should deal in Megève with the relation between North America and Western Europe, which finds itself - to say the least - in the most complicated phase since the end of World War II.

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7) It is of course true that this relationship is discussed in so many organizations, that it will be very hard to be "original".

8) On the other hand, we should recognize that Bilderberg should not necessarily aim at being original in its Agenda items, but at being original in the way we discuss these problems, prepare and organize our Meeting, and invite the right participants.

9) A very important question is of course that we should be more concrete than just discussing the set of relations between Europe and North America. This relation is so complicated at the present moment, that the question of priorities is a very real one.

10) Our suggestion therefore is that on our meeting on December 14th we explore the possibility of finding suitable topics in the framework of a general Agenda item, which might be described as:

"The State of the Atlantic Community: an Appraisal and Priorities".

11) A few additional comments:

- Atlantic Community is not meant to be a political notion. It just means North America and Western Europe. Any other definition will do.

- b) We should certainly be very much aware of the fact that the problems are not at all exclusively American-European, but also very much intra-European.
- c) We should, in making the Agenda items more concrete, be very keen on a choice which is of interest to our French friends.
- d) Discussing an appraisal and priorities of the Atlantic Community does not exclude at all, for instance, a discussion on inflation.

12) Joe has not seen this note. The American members of the Steering Committee meet on October 2nd, in preparation for the October 14th meeting at Soestdijk Palace.

September 25, 1973

Mrs. N. le Roy
Bilderberg Meetings
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The Netherlands

Dear Mrs. le Roy:

Replying to your September 18 notice of the meeting schedule at Soestdijk Palace on October 14, 1973, it will not be possible for Mr. Murphy to be present as he is presently recovering from recent surgery.

He regrets, too, that he is unable to accept Mr. van der Beugel's kind invitation for dinner on October 13, and sends his best wishes for the success of the meeting.

Cordially yours,

Loretta B. Fitzgerald
Secretary

BILDERBERG MEETINGS

THE HAGUE, 18 September 1973

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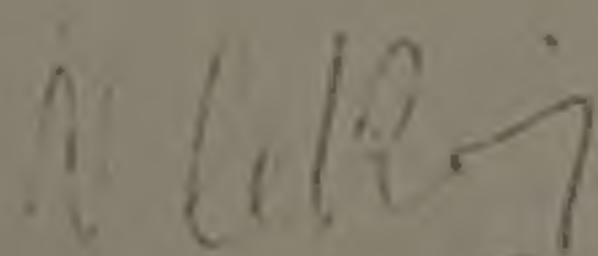
Dear Sir,

I would like to remind you that it was decided at the meeting of the Steering Committee at Saltsjöbaden to hold the next meeting at Soestdijk Palace on Sunday, October 14th at 10.30 a.m.

You are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible whether you will attend this meeting. In case you wish any hotel reservation and/or transport to and from the Palace, please inform the Secretariat before October 6th.

Mr. van der Beugel requests the pleasure of your company at dinner at the Amstel Hotel, Amsterdam on Saturday, October 13th at 8 p.m. (informal). Would you kindly let us know if you intend to attend this dinner.

Sincerely yours,



N. le Roy

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July 19, 1973

Mr. Ernst van der Beugel
Bilderberg Meetings
The Hague
Schildvater 1, Netherlands

Dear Ernst:

I have just learned from Joe Johnson the sad news of the loss of your dear wife.

I realize that in the circumstances words are quite futile, but I do want you to know that I share in your grief. This is indeed distressing news.

With sincere condolences and warmest regards,
believe me

Yours sincerely,

Robert Murphy

RE:DB

bc:

Mr. Joseph E. Johnson

JOSEPH E. JOHNSON
345 EAST 46th STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

PRESIDENT EMERITUS
CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

17 July 1973

Dear Bob:

I thought you would want to know that
Ernst van der Beugel's wife, Miekje, died Monday
morning after a long illness.

TG

The Hon. Robert D. Murphy
Corning Glass International
717 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10022

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ROBERT MURPHY

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